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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of)
Gehring *et al.*) Examiner: Joyce, Harold
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Serial No.: 10/661,975) Group Art Unit: 3749
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Filed: September 11, 2003) Date: August 3, 2004

For: AIR DUCT OUTLETS WITH MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC AIR STREAM
DIRECTION CONTROL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response to Restriction Requirement is responsive to the Office Action (the "Action") mailed July 28, 2004.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s), including fees for additional claims, are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

REMARKS

The Action states that restriction to one of the following species is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Figs. 1-12; and
Group II: Figs. 13 and 14.

For purposes of providing a complete reply to the Action, Applicants elect the species represented by Group I (Figs. 1-12) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-2, 4-14 and 16-20 read on Figs. 1-12. This election is made with traverse because the nature of the subject

matter is such that it would enable the Examiner to search all claims in the present application together without undue hardship on the Examiner. (See M.P.E.P. § 803).

The Action also states that the inventors' declaration is defective because all the parties signatures are not present. Applicants respectfully assert that all signatures of the inventors are present. Each inventor signed a separate page of the declaration. Of the five inventors, two were listed on page 3 of 4 and three were listed on page 4 of 4. Accordingly, there are two executed pages for page 3 of 4 and three executed pages for page 4 of 4. A copy of the executed declaration is attached and contains the signatures of all five inventors.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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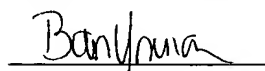
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